Housing Trust Fund (HTF)

FY22 Round II Funding Request Announcement

The City of Charlotte ("City") is now accepting Proposals for affordable housing development through the City's Housing Trust Fund ("HTF") to provide equity and loan funds for newly constructed or rehabilitated multi-family housing. An addendum will be issued should there be additional information developers should be made aware of.

The development must serve households earning 80% or below the area median income (AMI) with income averaging of up to 60% of AMI for the restricted units.

HTF-funded developments will at a minimum meet the following criteria*:

- Comply with City affordable housing policies and program guidelines.
- Include at least 20% of the total units as being targeted to households at 30% of AMI. At least 10% of the units targeted to households at 30% of AMI, must be targeted to households with rental subsidies including vouchers funded directly or indirectly by the federal government. Such rental subsidies must be accepted with no discrimination against income source.
- All 4% LIHTC proposals must include the submission of a Final LIHTC application by October 2022 and receive an award in January 2023.
- Proposed developments that are in Very High and High Opportunity Areas (See Attachment A) may be asked to include the use of Project Based Vouchers (PBV) in the development. Given the limited availability of PBV's, there is no guarantee that all proposals located in opportunity areas will be awarded PBVs to them. If the use of PBV's does not adversely impact the proposed development's time schedule, upon being awarded PBV's, the developer must adjust their gap funding request amount to reflect the higher PBV contract rents.
- Proposed developments in City Council Districts 6 and 7 are not subject to the HTF award limit.
- Developers must cover all legal closing costs up to \$15,000.
- Developers must pay a compliance monitoring fee of \$50 per unit for developments that have been placed in service.
- Meet zoning and planning guidelines and requirements including special/conditional use permits and any other discretionary land use approval by March 25, 2022.
- Include a COVID-19 Compliant community engagement process that reflects input from the impacted community (See Submittal Checklist Section G for details).
- Meet Charlotte Water Capacity and Connection requirements.

^{*}Please see the Housing Trust Fund Request for Proposals Guidelines for additional evaluation criteria

HTF award limits:

• The maximum award to any one funding request will be as follows:

Funding Source*	No City land or support	HTF & City support	City Land
HTF Limit	\$32k per unitMaximum of \$3.2M	\$22k per unitMaximum of \$2.2M	\$22k per unitMaximum of \$2.2M

^{*}The City reserves the right to make a maximum of two housing awards (Regardless to whether rental or homeownership) to any one principal or co-developer. To encourage affordable housing development in City Council Districts 6 and 7, development proposals within those districts are not subject to the HTF award limits.

Development Teams must also:

- Inform the district City Council representative for the proposed development and convene at least two COVID-19 Compliant community outreach meetings to present the proposed development (See Submittal Checklist Section G for details).
- Submit a complete funding Proposal packet by February 18, 2022.
- Include with the proposal a utilities plan or preliminary site plan with proposed sewer connection(s) and site flow projects using NCDEQ 15A NCAC 02T (Waste Water Flow Estimate Guidance Document). This is necessary for the Charlotte Water Capacity Assurance Review Proposal.
- Submit their Sketch Plan via Accela and schedule a Sketch Plan meeting with the Planning Department as required. Instructions on how to submit the Sketch Plan are included in the RFP packet.
- Provide evidence of appropriate zoning no later than March 25, 2022.
- Note that if assistance is being sought for a 4% LIHTC development, developers must have placed at least one 4% LIHTC development in service within the last five years.
- Demonstrate the experience necessary to place the proposed development in service.

Funding Request Schedule

Request for Proposals Schedule

Activity	Scheduled Date	
WebEx Developers Meeting	January 21, 2022	
Post RFP	January 25, 2022	
Proposal Submission Deadline	February 18, 2022	
Sketch Site Plans and Building Elevations Sent to	February 21, 2022	
Planning*.		
Planning comment – Sketch Plan Review	February 21, 2022 – March 18, 2022	
Sketch Plan/Building Elevation Comments sent back to	March 21, 2022	
applicant		
Not Required-If a meeting is needed to review sketch	March 18, 2022	
site plan and building elevation comments please	March 21, 2022	
contact Nan Peterson via email at		
npeterson@ci.charlotte.nc.us by close of business		
March 18, 2022. A WebEx meeting will be scheduled in		
order received and for 30 minutes. All meetings will be		
scheduled for March 21, 2022.		
Market Analysis Due	March 25, 2022	
Revised Sketch Plan Submission Deadline. Send to Brent	March 25, 2022	
Wilkinson via email to bwilkinson@ci.charlotte.nc.us		
Final Planning Support Letter - Conceptual Architectural,	April 1, 2022	
Building and Site Design		
City Council Dinner Briefing	April 11, 2022	
City Council Approval	April 18, 2022	

^{*}Sketch site plan application is included in RFP packet and must be included in RFP response

Link to Request for Funding Application:

https://charlottenc.gov/HNS/Housing/RFP/Pages/Requests%20For%20Proposals.aspx

Note: The City reserves the right to cancel, reject any or all applications and waive minor informalities for applicants if it is deemed in the City and LISC's best interest to do so.

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